Volume 4
Chapter 30

OH!
SIR PAT
HEY THERE
I'M GOING IN
?
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
THEY'RE ALREADY IN THERE WAITING FOR YOU
DHOULMAGUS, THE ROYAL MINISTER OF GRANVANIA.
SIR MELVIN, IF YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO REMINISCE ABOUT GOOD OLD TIMES, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT ELSEWHERE
WHO CARES IF SOMEONE WHO TURNED HIS BACK ON GRANVANIA A LONG TIME AGO IS DEAD OR ALIVE?

EVER SINCE THE FORMER KING LEFT, IT WAS OUR SADLY SICK KING OJIRON AND PRINCE TONNIURA.
WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND PROTECTED THIS LAND ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
KENZIA, FEUDAL LORD OF DOCKRAY COUNTY
SURE BECAUSE WHAT I SAID IS RIGHT
MELVIN, FEUDAL LORD OF LIAHAN COUNTY
SAY THAT AGAIN, YOU SCUMBAG!!
SFX: BANG
BUT ALL THIS TIME THE LAND HAS BEEN GETTING CONTAMINATED LITTLE BY LITTLE
IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THE DEMONS SHOWED UP HERE
KIEFER, FEUDAL LORD OF ESTARD COUNTY.
EVEN IF HE CAME BACK NOW, HE'D JUST CAUSE MORE CHAOS THAN WE ALREADY HAVE ON OUR HANDS NOW!
SIR MELVIN, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT PLEASE DON'T BRING LORD KAZAS UP AGAIN AT THIS MEETING
IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE WHOLE CONTINENT WILL BE UNINHABITABLE SOON. AREN'T WE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS HOW TO STOP IT?
ROYAL MINISTER SIR MELVIN, WE DIDN'T MEET HERE TODAY TO FIGHT
WHAT!? HOW DARE YOU CLOWN SPEAK ILL OF HIM IN MY PRESENCE!!
UGH

WELL THEN MR MINISTER, LET'S HEAR WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER FOUGHT ON THE FRONT LINES CAN COME UP WITH!!
HMPH! WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
EXACTLY! YOU REALLY THINK HE'LL COME BACK TO SAVE OUR LAND NOW? HOW CAN YOU RELY SO MUCH ON SOMEONE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IS DEAD OR ALIVE?
SFX: CLATTER
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
WELL THEN LET'S HEAR WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY SOMEONE WHO'S LOST HIS COUNTY TO DEMONS CAN COME UP WITH!
HMPH! IF THAT WAS SO EASY, WE WOULDN'T STILL BE AT WAR!
BEFORE THE WHOLE CONTINENT IS POISONED I INTEND TO TAKE DOWN THAT TOWER WITH ALL OUR MEN SINCE WE BELIEVE IT TO BE THE CAUSE OF IT ALL.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID
KIEFER! SINCE WHEN ARE YOU ON HIS SIDE!?
WELL, WELL, WELL... WHY DON'T WE TRY TO TALK THIS OUT LIKE ADULTS?
SFX: KEN-CHAK
IT'S ME, TONNIURA I'M COMING IN!
AHH PLEASE DON'T BRING THAT UP EITHER
HEY, LET GO! OR I'LL MAKE YOU COUGH UP ALL THE SEEDS I USED ON YOU!

THAT SWORD IS?
!?
LORD PAPAS HAS FINALLY RETURNED TO US
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WHAT'S WRONG? ISN'T IT GREAT NEWS?
THAT BASTARD! I KNEW HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING!! HAHAHA HAHA!
!?
WHAT!?
IS THAT RIGHT!?
IT'S NOT HOW WE IMAGINED HIS LONG-AWAITED RETURN TO BE
BUT SADLY
?
HAHA HA

NO WAY
NO
IT CAN'T BE
THAT DAMN FOOL
SFX GRIT
IF WE BELIEVE MR SAKI WHO CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO BRING US THIS SWORD
THAT IS
WELL
YES
ARE YOU CERTAIN PRINCE?

I WAS PREPARING THE SNACK I HAD THEM COOK UP FOR YOU 'CAUSE I WAS SURE YOU'D BE HUNGRY
HUH? WHY ARE YOU NOT RESTING SLAN?
OH, BAKI, YOU'RE BACK!
SFX: BEE-PAK
I'M TOTALLY SPENT AFTER GETTING CROSS-EXAMINED BY ALL THE BIG-WIGS
SO, HOW DID IT GO?
PLUS, I'VE BEEN TALKING NONSTOP SINCE WE RAN INTO MR. SANCHO EARLIER. MY THROAT IS KILLING ME!

THEY'RE CHECKING IT OUT? WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN? HOPE THEY DON'T GET THEMSELVES IN TROUBLE
THEY'RE CHECKING OUT THE CASTLE
WHERE'S DUXY AND YOSHIO?
HUH?
SIGHTSEEING!! IT'D BE A WASTE NOT TO!
UMM MISS YOSHIO WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WHY REINHART?
I'M GOING TO MAKE A QUICK TRIP TO REINHART NEXT
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT?
HMM
THAT HE'D GIVE ME SOMETHING IF I MANAGE TO FIND MR PAPAS' HOME, OR HIS SON
WHEN THAT WAS SOLVED, I'D BE DONE HERE, AND LEAVE
ONCE YOU MANAGE TO LOCATE LORD PAPAS OR ME TOMMY OR HIS SON, COME VISIT ME IN REINHART
WHAT PROMISE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAKES YOU DO THIS FAR FOR HIM, BUT I GUESS LORD PAPAS ISN'T AS UNLUCKY A PERSON AS I FIRST THOUGHT
THE GUY WHO TOLD ME ABOUT MR PAPAS' DEATH FIRST IS WAITING FOR ME IN REINHART. HE MADE A PROMISE TO ME

THE ONE NOTE THAT TURNED MY LIFE AROUND
MR. PAPAS' FINAL WORDS
SAY, RAKI
HM?
I'LL JUST "RETURN" THERE AND "RETURN" BACK IN A JIFFY!
BESIDES, THEY MIGHT HAVE FOUND NEW CLUES ON PURPLE'S WHEREABOUTS
YOU STAY HERE AND REST, SLAN
I'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME, REALLY
CAN I COME WITH YOU?

SFX GRIP
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AROUND? IT'S NOT EVERYDAY THAT YOU GET TO EXPLORE A REAL CASTLE!
OKAY
HAVE A SAFE TRIP
I'M OFF
AHH! SIR BAKI!!
!!
SFX PUNCH
SFX MMUH
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU SHOW SLAN AROUND THIS BIG CASTLE OF YOURS?
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ATTEND TO—
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT ALL YOUR ADVEN-TURES ON YOUR WAY HERE!
DO YOU HAVE TIME FOR A CHAT RIGHT NOW?
SFX PUNCH
EH!?
OKAY, I M OFF THEN! SEE YA, SLAN!
NO I
NOOO, SIR BAKI!!
THIS GIRL IS SUCH A PAIN

SFX: STARE
!?
BAKI, YOU CAN'T ASK THE PRINCESS TO SHOW ME AROUND
BY THE WAY...
?
AH SURE
WELL THEN, MISS SLAN, SHALL WE GO FOR A CUP OF TEA UNTIL SIR BAKI RETURNS?
SFX: WHOOSH
EH!?
WHAT'S YOUR RELATION WITH SIR BAKI?

REALIZED I'D NEVER BEEN IN REINHART AND THUS COULDN'T RETURN TO IT!!!
LET'S SEE NORTH IS THIS WAY
BUT THEN I
OOPS
I CHANTED RETURN TO REINHART AS SOON AS I GOT OUT OF THE CASTLE
REINHART
SANTA ROSA
TUNNEL
SO I DECIDED TO RETURN TO SANTA ROSA FIRST AND THEN HEAD FROM THERE TO REINHART
FEELS NICE TO BE BACK ON FLAT TERRAIN AGAIN
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!!

THE ENTRANCE OF THE TUNNEL
THAT'S RIGHT?
IT'S CLOSED OFF!?
EHH HHH!
WE CAN'T TELL YOU THAT EITHER
WHEN WILL IT BE OPEN AGAIN?
WE CAN'T TELL YOU ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT YOU CAN'T PASS
BUT WHY?
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT EVEN IF THERE WAS, I DOUBT THEY'D LET US PASS
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY AROUND IT?
ALL OTHER TRAVELLERS ALREADY PUT UP TENTS TO WAIT IT OUT. WHAT SHALL WE DO?
HMM... YEAH...
MISS LUIDA, CAN'T YOU USE YOUR SEX APPEAL ON THE GUARDS AND
DON'T SPOUT NONSENSE!
MAAAN REINHART IS RIGHT BEHIND THE RIVER TOO
GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TOO THEN

OH MAN...
WE DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE STICKS TO GET STUCK HERE RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR GOAL!!
HEH
LOOKS LIKE OPENING THE BEST TAVERN IN THE WORLD ISN'T THAT SIMPLE, HUH, RIKKA?
I'LL GO PARK THE CARRIAGE AND LOOK FOR A GOOD PLACE TO PUT UP OUR TENT AT
OKAY! THANK YOU!!
EX-CUSE ME
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WE'RE ALL STUCK HERE BECAUSE THE TUNNEL IS CLOSE
IN SHORT, WE CAN'T GO TO REINHART RIGHT NOW
EH!?

I CAN'T PASS!?
NOPE IT'S CLOSED OFF
THIS ISN'T GOOD
"RETURN" LEAVES A TRAIL OF LIGHT AND IS LOUD TOO SO I MIGHT END UP GETTING NOTICED
AND I STILL CAN'T GET THE LANDING RIGHT
I TOLD SLAN I'D RETURN SOON WHAT DO I DO...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN IN EEIN-HART?
IF I USE "RETURN" I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FLY OVER THE RIVER BUT
YES, THIS IS IT
IF I JUMP FROM HERE...
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL NOTICE!
READY SET
SPT DASH
GO!!

HOP!!
SFX: WHOOSH
NOW!
!!?
BLAZE-MORE!!
SFX: THUD

SFX WHIRL
WHILE EVERY-ONE'S LOOKING AT THE RIVER...
SFX CHATTER
WAS THAT AN EXPLO-SION!?
HUH?
SFX SKITTER
SFX SMASH
I LAND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
!!?

HEY!
UH-OH
CRAP I DIDN'T JUMP HIGH ENOUGH I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HM? WAIT, THIS VOICE...
SFX: SNAP
AH, CAN'T PULL MY LEGS OUT...
HUH??

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 30:

Baki

Slan

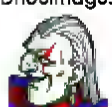
Duxy

Yashia

Tannura

Daris

Dhoulmagus



Sir Melvin (Sir Mervyn)

Kiefer

Luida (Patty)

Rikka (Erinn)

Hera (DQIX)

Spells in chapter 30:

- Return (Zoom)
- Blozemore (Frizzle)

Lacatians in chapter 30:

- Gronvonio (Gotho)
- Reinhort (Coburg)